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1. SUMMARY: ON MAY 3 THE SOCIAL COMMITTEE BEGAN DEBATE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND HEARD STATEMENTS FROM IRAN, ITALY, CYPRUS, GREECE, NORWAY, NETHERLANDS, UK, SENEGAL, DENMARK, FRANCE, COLOMBIA, FRG, SYRIA, ISRAEL, POLAND AND US. PRINCIPAL THEMES RECURRING DURING THE DEBATE WERE THE LINAGE OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS WITH ACHIEVEMENT OF CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS (APPLAUDED BY IRAN, NORWAY, NETHERLANDS, AND COLOMBIA) AND CRITICISM OF SELECTIVITY IN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHT'S CONSIDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS (DENMARK, NETHERLANDS, COLOMBIA, FRG, ISRAEL, UK). UK PERMREP IVOR RICHARD DELIVERED A FORCEFUL ADDRESS IN WHICH HE SAID THAT THE BRITISH PEOPLE CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE UN CAN BE "MUTED AND SELECTIVE" WHEN DISCUSSING HUMAN RIGHTS. A NUMBER OF DELEGATES QUOTED AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S ECOSOC STATEMENT ON TORTURE AS WELL AS PRESIDENT CARTER'S UN STATEMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS, AND THE DELEGATES OF NORWAY, DENMARK AND FRG MENTIONED WAYS IN WHICH TO STRENGTHEN UN HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY. THE SYRIAN AND SENEGALESE ACCUSED ISRAEL OF VIOLATING THE

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HUMAN RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIANS, AND ISRAEL DENOUNCED UN SILENCE IN THE FACE OF "MASS MURDERS" IN IRAQ, CAMBODIA AND LEBANON, AND IN THE FACE OF ANTI-SEMITISM CAPAIGNS IN THE SOVIET UNION. THE DELEGATES OF SYRIA, USSR AND UGANDA DELIVERED RIGHTS OF REPLY. US DEL LOWENSTEIN ADDRESSED THE COMMITTEE ON BEHALF OF THE US.

END SUMMARY.

2. UK PERMREP RICHARD DELIVERED A FORCEFUL ADDRESS IN WHICH HE SAID THAT THE BRITISH PEOPLE "SIMPLE CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW THE UN CAN BE "MUTED AND SELECTIVE WHEN DISCUSSING HUMAN RIGHTS." HE OPINED THAT MERE RATIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COVENANTS DID NOT IMPLY THAT THE HUMAN RIGHTS RECORDS OF THE RATIFYING STATES WERE SUPERIOR TO THOSE OF COUNTRIES WHICH HAD NOT RATIFIED THE INSTRUMENTS. HE CITED EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES AS EXAMPLES WHERE THE OPPOSITE CONDITION MIGHT BE CLOSER TO THE TRUTH. AMB RICHARD JUDGED THE PERFORMANCE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION'S (HRC 33D SESSION AS "MIXED," AND CHARACTERIZED ITS TREATMENT OF VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN UGANDA AS "PALLID AND INEFFECTIVE." (TEXT OF RICHARDS'S STATEMENT BEING FURNISHED TO IO/HR, HEWITT.)

3. THE DELEGATE OF IRAN DEVOTED THE BULK OF HIS STATEMENT TO APPLAUDING DRAFT RESOLUTION IV (AS CONTAINED IN THE COMMISSION REPORT) AND ITS EMPHASIS ON THE LINK BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRESS AND THE ACHIEVEMENT OF CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS. THE DELEGATE CRITICIZED THE WESTERN PRESS FOR EXPECTING DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO CONFORM TO "1977 WESTERN STANDARDS" IN THE FIELD OF HUMAN RIGHTS, AND SUGGESTED THAT THE UN'S GOAL SHOULD BE TO HELP ALL COUNTRIES ACHIEVE ALL OF THE RIGHTS OF THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION. THE DELEGATES OF NORWAY, NETHERLANDS, AND COLOMBIA ALSO SUPPORTED UN RECOGNITION OF WHAT THE NORWEGIAN TERMED "THE LINK UNCLASSIFIED

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BETWEEN TRADITIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS AND BASIC HUMAN NEEDS."

4. A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS INCLUDING DENMARK, NETHERLANDS, COLOMBIA, FRG, ISRAEL AND THE UK CRITICIZED HRC SELECTIVITY IN ITS CONSIDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS. THE DANISH AND FRG DELEGATES, IN PARTICULAR, STRONGLY INSISTED THE HUMAN RIGHTS MUST TAKE PRECEDENCE OVER THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF MEMBER STATES.

5. THE DELEGATES OF NORWAY, DENMARK AND THE FRG ALL MENTIONED WAYS TO STRENGTHEN UN HUMAN RIGHTS MACHINERY. THE NORWEGIAN DELEGATE SUGGESTED THAT MORE FREQUENT SESSIONS OF THE HRC, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF REGIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONS, AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS MIGHT ALL "RENDER VALUABLE SERVICE" IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD. THE DELEGATE OF THE FRG SAID THAT THE CREDIBILITY OF THE COMMISSION WAS AT STAKE, AND CALLED FOR MEASURES TO ENSURE THAT

THE "VALUABLE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMISSION IS NOT LOST."
THE DANISH DELGATE SUGGESTED CONSOLIDATING THE HRC
AGENDA TO CONSIDER RELATED ITEMS TOGETHER, AND SAID
THAT MORE FREQUENT SESSIONS MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO THE
SPEED AND EFFICIENCY WITH WHICH THE COMMISSION DOES
ITS WORK.

6. THE SYRIAN AND SENEGALESE DELEGATES ACCUSED ISRAEL
OF VIOLATING THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PALESTINIANS AND THE
SYRIAN REFERRED TO "FORCES" WHICH WERE ATTEMPTING TO
BUILD "CLEAN SOCIETIES" OF WHITES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA
AND JEWS IN ISRAEL. THE SYRIAN ALSO RECALLED
"ALL UN RESOLUTIONS RELEVANT TO HUMAN RIGHTS AND RACIAL
DISCRIMINATION."

7. ISRAELI AMB HERZOG DENOUNCED THE HYPOCRISY OF UN
CONSIDERATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND SAID THAT ISRAEL WAS
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ALWAYS READY TO HAVE ITS HUMAN RIGHTS RECORD EXAMINED
IN PUBLIC. HE ASSUSED THE UN OF "INTOLERABLE SILANCE"
IN THE FACE OF "MASS MURDERS" IN IRAQ, CAMBODIA AND
LEBANON, AND IN THE FACE OF ANTI-SEMITISM CAMPAIGNS IN
THE SOVIET UNION.

8. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS QUOTED AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S ECOSOC
SPEECH ON TORTURE AS WELL AS STATEMENTS OF PRESIDENT
CARTER AND SECRETARY VANCE ON HUMAN RIGHTS. AMB HERZOG
QUOTED AMBASSADOR YOUNG AND SCRANTON AND SAID THAT IT
WAS TIME TO TRANSLATE PRESIDENT CARTER'S "BOLD INITIATIVES"
INTO ACTION. THE DELEGATE OF FRANCE SAID THAT HE WAS
"INTERESTED IN" SECRETARY VANCE'S RECENT STATEMENT ON
HUMAN RIGHTS AND OPINED THAT A "RIGID, EXCESSIVE EFFORT"
IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD WOULD BE A "SURE WAY TO BRING
ABOUT FAILURE."

9. US DEL LOWENSTEIN DELIVERED A SHORT STATEMENT,
DETAILS OF WHICH WILL BE REPORTED SEPTTEL.
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